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Operating Systems, and Related Apparatus

RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 2003

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13 This communication is in response to the Office Action dated September  
14 15, 2003. The three-month shortened statutory period for response to the Office  
15 Action is set for December 15, 2003. Please amend the above-identified  
16 application in accordance with the directions set forth below.  
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